

CLAIMS:

1. A method (1) for classifying at least one audio signal (A) into at least one audio class (AC), the method (1) comprising the steps of:
- analyzing (10) said audio signal to extract at least one predetermined audio feature;
 - 5 - performing (12) a frequency analysis on a set of values of said audio feature at different time instances;
 - deriving (12) at least one further audio feature representing a temporal behavior of said audio feature based on said frequency analysis; and
 - classifying (14) said audio signal based on said further audio feature.
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2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one predetermined audio feature comprises at least one of the following audio features:
- root-mean-square (RMS) level;
 - spectral centroid (S_f);
 - 15 - bandwidth (B_f);
 - zero-crossing rate (R_z);
 - spectral roll-off frequency (f_r);
 - band energy ratio (B_r);
 - delta spectrum magnitude (f_d);
 - 20 - pitch (T); and
 - pitch strength (S).
3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined audio feature comprises at least one mel-frequency cepstral coefficient (MFCC).
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4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined audio feature comprises at least one of the psycho-acoustic (PA) audio features loudness and sharpness.

5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said deriving step comprises the steps of:
- calculating an average (DC) value of said set of values of said audio feature at different time instances;
 - 5 - defining at least one frequency band;
 - calculating the amount of energy within said frequency band from said frequency analysis; and
 - defining said further audio feature as said amount of energy in dependence on said average (DC) value.
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6. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least one of the following modulation frequency bands are used in said parameterizing step:
- 1-2 Hz;
 - 3-15 Hz; and
 - 15 - 20-150 Hz;
7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one further audio feature is defined as at least one coefficient (C(m)) obtained by performing a discrete cosine transformation (DCT) on the result of said frequency analysis.
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8. A system (20) for classifying at least one audio signal into at least one audio class, the system comprising:
- means (10) for analyzing said audio signal to extract at least one predetermined audio feature;
 - 25 - means (12) for performing a frequency analysis on a set of values of said audio feature at different time instances;
 - means (12) for deriving at least one further audio feature representing a temporal behavior of said audio feature based on said frequency analysis; and
 - means (14) for classifying said audio signal based on said further audio
- 30 feature.
9. A music system (2) comprising:
- means (24) for playing audio data from a medium (22); and
 - a system (20) as claimed in claim 8 for classifying said audio data.

10. A multi-media system (3) comprising:
- means (34) for playing audio data from a medium (32);
 - a system (20) as claimed in claim 8 for classifying said audio data;
 - 5 - means (36) for displaying video data from a further medium (32);
 - means (38) for analyzing said video data; and
 - means (34) for combining the results obtained from analyzing (38) said video data with the results obtained from classifying (20) said audio data.
- 10 11. A signal (22, 32) comprising at least one further audio feature obtained by:
- analyzing (10) an audio signal to extract at least one predetermined audio feature;
 - performing (12) a frequency analysis on a set of values of said audio feature at different time instances; and
 - 15 - deriving (12) said at least one further audio feature representing a temporal behavior of said audio feature based on said frequency analysis.
12. An audio receiver (2) comprising means to receive an audio signal and means to receive a signal (22, 32) comprising at least one further audio feature obtained by:
- 20 - analyzing (10) said audio signal to extract at least one predetermined audio feature;
 - performing (12) a frequency analysis on a set of values of said audio feature at different time instances; and
 - deriving (12) said at least one further audio feature representing a temporal
 - 25 behavior of said audio feature based on said frequency analysis,
- the audio receiver (24) further comprising means (14) for classifying said audio signal based on said further audio feature.